




Danbury Youth Services, Inc.
Annual Report 2019/2020



DYS Mission

Empower youth and families to build positive and fulfilling lives.

DYS Values

- **Excellence** – Delivering high quality services with professional staff committed to utilizing best practices in serving youth and families.
- **Compassion** – Empathy towards youth and families; creating a safe environment that nurtures positive self-esteem and image.
- **Respect** – Serving our youth and families with integrity and fostering a sense of community that is inclusive, welcoming, and nonjudgmental.
- **Leadership & Positive Role Modeling** – Providing positive role models and cultivating future leaders to support our community.

RESULTS

395 clients served

- DYS counseling program provided 1484 individual and family counseling sessions and increased its bilingual clinical staff by 25%.
- 60% of TARGET participants were identified as a student of the month at their elementary school and 100% of the TARGET participants showed growth in academics.
- All of the 20 Earn-A-Bike participants communicated through a DYS satisfaction survey that they would recommend the program to a friend and 95% of participants met their stated goals.
- 80% of GAL's participants reporting positive achievements at school. The girl's group participated in a community service project raising money for Daily Bread in Danbury.
- Provided 50 youth with employment at over 24 work sites throughout the Greater Danbury Community. 87.8% of youth participants expressed needing support from the program to find a work place experience. 10 of the summer youth participants were able to continue in a school year work opportunity with DYS.
- Served 35 clients through the JRB program with 23 of the cases being resolved to date.
- Gave 20 families scholarships through the ALICE Enrichment Program.
- Supported 35 families, including 126 youth, with food cards during the COVID-19 shut-down through a COVID grant from Fairfield County Community Foundation (FCCF) in the amount of 10,000.

The DYS Difference

- Focus on person-centered prevention and intervention.
- Foster healthy relationships with youth and families.
- Build connections between youth and their community.

SPECIAL COVID STATEMENT

DYS understands that 2020 proves to be a difficult time for all of our community members. During the COVID shelter in place directive, DYS was hard at work providing clients with telemedicine support, weekly check-in case management services, and assistance with basic necessities, such as food and household supply deliveries.

OUR PROGRAMS

Mental Health

- Youth and Family Counseling
- Medication Management

Youth Employment

- Work Experience
- Job Readiness
- Career Exploration

Restorative Justice

- Juvenile Review Board (JRB)
- Truancy Solutions Partnership (TSP)

Youth Development

- TARGET
- Earn-A-Bike
- Come-Up
- GAL's Club
- CELA's

OUR FUNDERS

Private Funding

Fairfield County Community Foundation
 Mathew Kosbob Memorial Foundation
 Sikorsky Credit Union
 Linde
 Pitney Bowes Literacy and Education Fund
 St. Stephen's Church of Ridgefield
 Union Savings Bank
 Wells Fargo Foundation
 Wells Fargo Advisors
 United Way of Western Connecticut
 Town Fair Tire Foundation

Public Grants

City of Danbury
 State of Connecticut Judicial Branch
 Northwest Regional Workforce Investment Board
 Connecticut Youth Services Association
 Department of Children and Families

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HOW WE USED YOUR MONEY?

Direct Program Expense	\$281,228.37
Indirect Program Expense	\$124,318.36
Facility & General/Administration	\$94,398.06
Fundraising	\$5,009.71
Miscellaneous	\$16,117.14
	\$521,071.64

